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1. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SEEN BASSIOUNY HERE, WE HAVE NO DIRECT CONFIRMATION THAT HE HAS BEEN ARGUING FOR EGYPTIAN POLICY SHIFT TOWARD MPLA. WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED, HOWEVER, IF THIS WERE SO AND HAVE IMPRESSION OTHERS IN GOE ARE ALSO WAVERING (REFTEL B).

2. MINSTATE MOHAMED RIAD TOLD AMBASSADOR TODAY THAT IDI AMIN HAD JUST RECOGNIZED MPLA. GIVEN AMIN'S CHAIRMANSHIP ROLE, RIAD SPECULATED UGANDA SHIFT WILL INFLUENCE OTHER AFRICAN STATES TO DO SAME. HE NOTED THIS BRINGS NUMBER OF THOSE SUPPORTING MPLS TO 26, A CLEAR MAJORITY. ASKED ABOUT CURRENT EGYPTIAN THINKING, RIAD INDICATED MFA STILL STUDYING SITUATION. COMBINATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION.

CONGRESSIONAL STOPPAGE OF USG ASSISTANCE TO UNITA?FLNA ELEMENTA AND RESULTANT MOBUTU WAVERING DOES NOT AUGUR WELL FOR HOLDING LINE. IN RIAD'S VIEW, UNLESS SOMETHING DRAMATIC DEVELOPS TO REDRESS
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SITUATION, THERE WILL BE NO WAY TO PREVENT MPLA

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